

**Minutes
Hampden Town Council
Services Committee
April 13, 2009 @ 6:00pm**

The meeting of the Hampden Town Council Services Committee was called to order at 6:12p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2009, at the Hampden Municipal Building by Chairperson Shannon Cox.

Gretchen Heldmann, GIS/IT Specialist
Kurt Mathies, Recreation Director
Councilor Shannon Cox
Councilor Matt Arnett
Councilor Tom Brann
Councilor Andre Cushing
Councilor Jean Lawlis
Councilor William Shakespeare

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes for 03/09/2009 were motioned for approval by Councilor Cushing with a second by Mayor Arnett. All voted in favor, minutes approved.

2. Old Business

A. FoDDix Update

Very little to report. A positive meeting with the landowner that owns the 20ft strip, he took some info to bring to his lawyer but we have not heard from him since.

B. Project Canopy Update

Grant was submitted on time and looked great. We will hear winner on 05/31/09. The Tree Bd may ask the Council for the full amount of money in the event they do not win the grant. They need to be able to reserve trees prior to the announcement date. Councilor Cushing noted that at 275 Coldbrook Rd there are many maples available that can be dug up and transplanted if it's needed.

C. Mission Statement

The mission statement has been revised to read as follows:

As directed by the Town Council the Services Committee shall advise and recommend strategies and actions on matters of community recreation and development, parks, forest and reserves, sports grounds, public halls, libraries, walkways, camping grounds, community and cultural facilities, underground and above ground water resources, and public property management.

The Services Committee shall promote a family-oriented community environment that provides for balanced allocation of the land resources among residential, business, and natural resource protection. It will encourage regional planning to promote connectivity to include trails providing natural interior and shoreland pathways within Hampden as well as pedestrian access to neighboring communities throughout the greater Bangor area.

Mayor Arnett moved for approval, Councilor Cushing seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

D. Pool Board/Scholarship Guidelines

The pool board scholarship guidelines were reviewed by the town attorney but just received the morning of this meeting. Recommendation was to forward the documents to the pool board and pool director for review. The item will be on the agenda of the next meeting.

3. New Business

A. Time Warner phone service request

This item was further research by the town manager after the Council meeting, and it was determined that it is a non-issue. A conversation with Perry Speaker revealed that TDS has an agreement with Time Warner already that Time Warner can sell phone service in Hampden. Further, there are no issues before the Public Utilities Commission that involved TDS, and the resolution Time Warner sent refers to Unitel and not TDS. It is believed to be a corporate mix-up on Time Warner's behalf. No action taken.

B. Dorothea Dix Park Ordinance

A motion was made by Councilor Lawlis to remove section 12 and renumber the remaining sections with a few minor grammatical changes. Second by Councilor Cushing, all voted in favor and the motion carried. Discussion on this item pointed to a need to overhaul the entire ordinance at a later date. There was also consideration of overhauling the Papermill Road Rec Area Ordinance and possibly combining the two into a general "parks" ordinance. The revised D.Dix Ordinance will be brought to the next Council meeting.

4. Public Comment

No public comments.

5. Committee Member Comments

There was a brief discussion about the proposal for the marina/waterfront/park area.

There was a discussion about the appropriateness of Mayor Arnett heading up a Children's Day fundraiser and using his name as Mayor on a letter to businesses soliciting donations for Children's Day. Councilor Brann noted it would probably be okay if it came from the entire Council. Councilor Cox noted that if they do it for one affiliated program, then they would have to do it for all affiliated programs that request it. Gretchen noted that each month staff already spend many hours printing Hampden Business Association agendas and minutes, folding them, and stuffing and sealing envelopes to mail out (HBA pays for postage and envelopes only). Gretchen suggested that mailing could be used to contact the businesses by including a letter with it – Perry Speaker should be contacted to run it by him as President of HBA.

The next meeting is to be determined. The next date conflicts with a set Council/Water District meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Heldmann
GIS/IT Specialist